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St. James's, December 20.

HIS Excellency Don Venturo Zary, Ambaſſador from the Emperor of Morocco, had this Day a private Audience of Her Majeſty, to which he was Introduc'd by the Right Honourable the Lord Dartmouth, one of Her Majeſty's Principal Secretaries of State, and Conducted by Sir Clement Cottrell, Maſter of the Ceremonies.

Venice, December 19. *N. S.* The Senate have received thirty young Noblemen into the great Council, the Choice having been directed by Ballot. Signior Antonio Loredano has been at length declared Proveditor-General of the Morea: This being a Poſt of great Honour and Profit, there has been a warm Competition for it, and Signior Loredano carried it but by a Majority of ſeven Voices. The Senate have likewiſe had the Nomination of a new Plenipotentiary for the Hague under Debate; but are not as yet come to any Reſolution in that Affair. They write from Naples, that the Viceroy has order'd two Men of War, of forty Guns and three hundred Men each, to ſail to the Levant; and has likewiſe reviewed all the Officers and Men belonging to the Gallies and Train of Artillery. They add, that they were embarking ſome heavy Cannon at Gaeto, but do not mention on what Deſign. Upon advice that the Contagion which has raged for ſome time in Hungary is got into Croatia, the Magiſtrates of Health have publiſh'd an Order, ſtrictly forbidding all Communication with that Province, Albania, Croatia, and other Places on the Auſtrian Shore.

Milan, December 20. *N. S.* The Imperial General Count Thaun, who is gone to aſſiſt at a general Council of War that is to be held in the Preſence of the Emperor at Vienna, upon the Operations of the next Campaign, is expected here again by the beginning of March. In the mean time our Senate are daily in Conſultation upon the Means for raiſing the Supplies demanded of them by the Imperial Commiſſaries for the Subſiſtence of the German Troops that are quarter'd in the Milaneſe this Winter. They write from Florence, that the Great Duke of Tuſcany had reſolved to levy the 10th Penny upon all the Revenues belonging to his Subjects, that he may be the better enabled to anſwer the extraordinary Expences in which he is at preſent engaged, and diſcharge himſelf of the Contributions demanded of him by the Emperor. The Duke of Modena has made large Preſents to the general Officers belonging to the Pruſſian Troops and others quarter'd in his Dominions, hoping thereby to engage them to cauſe an exact Diſcipline to be obſerv'd by the Forces under their Command. They write from Rome, that Cardinal Conti being return'd from his Nunciature in Portugal, is preparing a magnificent Equipage, in order to make his publick Entry as Protector of that Crown, in the Room of the Cardinal d'Etrées, who is diſcharged from that Dignity. They add further, that the ſaid Cardinal is promoted to the Biſhoprick of Oſimo, and has a Penſion of ſix thouſand Crowns ſetled upon him, that he may be the better able to live up to the Grandeur of that Office. The Diſputes between the Conſtable Colonna and the Marquis de Prié being at length ſettled, that Miniſter made his publick Entry the 7th Inſtant, and had a long Audience of his Holineſs. The next Day, being the Anniverſary of the Pope's Coronation, he aſſiſted at Maſs in the Chapel of the Vatican, where, beſides the Sacred College, there was a great Concourſe of the Nobility, who came out of Curioſity to ſee the Marquis de Prié give the Kiſs of Peace to the Conſtable, who being extreamly belov'd at Rome, the Ambaſſador's Behaviour on this Occaſion was highly acceptable to the People.

Hague, January 2. *N. S.* The Duke of Marlborough ſent away all his Servants this Afternoon, and intends to follow himſelf very early to Morrow Morning, in order to go on Board the Yacht at Helvoetſluys. The Wind has been this Day Southerly, and inclining towards the Eaſt, and his Grace would be ready to make uſe of the very firſt Opportunity. Mr. Chetwynd, her Britannick Majeſty's Envoy to the Duke of Savoy, is likewiſe gone from hence, in order to embark at the ſame time with his Grace. Major-General Wade arriv'd here the Day before Yeſterday in nineteen Days from Barcelona, having left that Place the 12th of the laſt Month, at which time they had not receiv'd the News of our Misfortune in Caſtille. His Catholick Majeſty was at Montſerrat paying his Devotions to the Virgin Mary there, and was expected at Barcelona in two or three Days. Some Officers are likewiſe arriv'd here, who have brought with them the Colours and Standards taken at the Battel of Saragoſſa. We have the printed Relation which the French have publiſh'd of the laſt unfortunate Actions in Spain; but we find by other Letters which came this laſt Poſt, that they have exagerated Matters very much, and have been very partial, particularly as to the Battel fought the 10th between Marſhal Staremberg and the Duke of Vendome; for it appears that our Forces maintain'd their Ground to the laſt, notwithſtanding the great Superiority of the Enemy, eſpecially in Horſe, which almoſt ſurrounded our Body of Foot, but was not able to break them, or make them give ground in the leaſt; ſo that the Engagement continued undetermined 'till Night, when the Darkneſs oblig'd both ſides to leave off firing. Some ſay, Marſhal Staremberg retired in the Night time